

HOUSE BILL 442

By Vaughan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 46,  
Chapter 6 and Title 58, relative to the Major Trevor  
Joseph Act.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 46, Chapter 6, is amended by adding  
the following as a new section:

(a) This section is known and may be cited as the "Major Trevor Joseph Act."

(b)

(1) The department of veterans services shall provide burial services for  
a person who died in the line of duty or while on active duty with the United  
States armed forces, the Tennessee national guard, or the Tennessee air  
national guard and is being interred in a state veterans' cemetery on a date  
requested by the family members of the person if the department is given notice  
of the burial at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the burial service.

(2) No burial services may be provided pursuant to subdivision (b)(1) that  
are scheduled on legal holidays, as defined in § 15-1-101.

(3) Notwithstanding subdivisions (b)(1) and (2), the commissioner may  
authorize burial services to be provided on a weekday if a weekend burial cannot  
be held due to inclement weather, an emergency that directly affects the ability  
for persons to conduct a burial service, or other circumstances that would  
adversely affect the department's ability to provide burial services.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.